

WILLIAM McMILLAN.

JANUARY 10, 1832.

[Mr. DENNY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the application of William McMillan to be placed on the pension roll, as a Lieutenant in the revolution, report:

That the petitioner was placed on the pension roll at eight dollars per month, having satisfactorily shown to the department, that he served as a non-commissioned officer during the revolution. The petitioner states that he was taken prisoner on Long Island, put on board a prison ship, and sent to Halifax; that he made his escape, and, after encountering many hardships, reached Boston, and after some time, joined the troops at that place; was marched to Monmouth, and participated in that battle. That in August, 1778, he enlisted in the Maryland line for three years, or during the war; that, in the Spring of 1779, he received a commission of lieutenant, in the 3d regiment Maryland line, from General Smallwood; that a furlough was granted to him to enable him to visit his parents, whom he had not seen for near four years; after which he was ordered to Baltimore to recruit, in which service he continued until 1780, and was not ordered from Baltimore until the peace.

The petitioner further states that, in consequence of having lost his commission, and not knowing at the time of his first application for a pension, that any evidence could be obtained by which he could establish the fact of his having held the commission of lieutenant, he was induced, under these circumstances, and by the advice of the Honorable John Banks, now a member of this House, to make his application for a pension, as a private or non-commissioned officer. In this application the petitioner succeeded, since which he has obtained testimony supporting his claim to be placed on the pension roll as a lieutenant.

William Reed and James H. Reed, make oath that they knew personally, that the petitioner held a commission as lieutenant in the continental army of the revolution, having seen and read his commission; that they knew him to have been actually engaged in the continental service as a lieutenant, and that he continued therein until the end of the war.

Joseph Smith, esq. declares on oath, that near the close of the revolutionary war, he saw the petitioner, McMillan, in the uniform of an officer, wearing a sword and epaulette; and that some time after, he heard the father of said McMillan say, that he had gone to Baltimore (to the best of the depo-

ment's recollection) for the purpose of recruiting; and that the said McMillan was then reputed to be an officer in the army of the revolution, and ever since, to have been such.

It appears, to the satisfaction of the committee, that the petitioner is old, infirm, and in indigent circumstances; that his character for truth and integrity is unimpeached and good. That William Reed, James H. Reed, and Joseph Smith, esq., are entitled to full credit from the high respectability of their characters for truth and honesty.

The committee therefore report a bill.

REPORT

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of William McMillan, do hereby report, that

That the petitioner was placed under pension roll eight dollars per month, having established to the department that he served as a non-commissioned officer during the revolution. The pensioner states that he was taken prisoner on Long Island, and on board a British ship, and was taken to the hospital at the same place, and after some time, joined the troops at the place, and returned to the pensioner's residence at the place. That in August, 1778, he was ordered to the place, and for three years, he served as a lieutenant in the 3d regiment of Maryland. He received a commission of lieutenant in the 3d regiment of Maryland, from General Mifflin, that a discharge was granted to him to enable him to visit his parents, which he did not return for some years; after which he was ordered to Baltimore, in which service he continued until 1780, and was not ordered from Baltimore until the pensioner further states that, in consequence of having lost his commission, and not knowing at the time of his first application for a pension, that any evidence could be obtained by which he could establish the fact of his having held the commission of lieutenant, he was induced, under these circumstances, and by the advice of the Honorable John Bankes, now a member of this House, to make his application for a pension, as a private or non-commissioned officer. In his application the pensioner succeeded, since which he has obtained testimony supporting his claim to be placed on the pension roll as a lieutenant.

William Reed and James H. Reed make oath that they know personally that the petitioner held a commission as lieutenant in the continental army of the revolution, having seen and read his commission; that they know him to have been actually engaged in the continental service as a lieutenant, and that he continued therein until the end of the war.

Joseph Smith, esq. declares on oath, that near the close of the revolution, he saw the petitioner, McMillan, in the uniform of an officer, wearing a sword and epaulettes; and that some time after, he heard the father of said McMillan say, that he had gone to Baltimore in the heat of the day.